

and more fills our hearts to overflowing, so
 shall we see more
 and more of the Supreme Being and that
 fresh seeing shall
 put new life and love into our hearts, ever
 inspiring and'
 carrying us on to the perfection which awaits
 us. Thus our
 Religion will be the life of our Morality and
 our Morality
 will heighten and strengthen our Religion,
 the two acting
 and reacting upon each other to fulfil the
 highest and
 noblest purpose of our being.

Again, it is God's Love, say the *Rishis*, that
 enables man
 through arduous self-culture, inspired and
 impelled by lofty
 ideals, to build up that solid moral character
 which is the
 end and fulfilment of life. The key-note of
 character is the
 quickening, passionate sense of the *ought*, of
 the right, of the
 proper, of the obligatory, of the truly
 benevolent. The
 man of character is he who, in the dark day of
 doubt or in •
 the troublous day of trial, acts, neither from
 the calculations
 of policy, nor from the promptings of future
 profit, but entirely .
 from an instinctive adherence to the sense of
 the right firmly
 clings to, and faithfully follows what he knows
 and believes
 to be the right, the due, the proper, the (*oughf*.
 Be it the
 payment of a time-barred debt or the

recognition of a voiceless
rival; be it the surrender of personal gain in
obedience to
the supreme call of unpopular truth or a loyal
adherence
to the post of danger, while destructive fires
devouringly
gather around—whichever be the situation—
the man of
character is the votary of the *ought*, of the
right, of the due
of the proper. And this sense of the *ought* does
not *argue*[^]
does not calculate. It is purely and entirely
instinctive!
It feels and resolves; it does not act *and* watch.
It acts
^A and passes on. Consequently, it requires
something more
than the mere sense of principle, the mere
feeling of duty
both to acquire and exemplify character. It is
the formation
of that habit which becomes a second nature—
a prime force
of life. Hence character is something sub-
conscious—some-
thing that is formed in the unseen foundations
of human